

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **JANUARY 24, 2012**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / MARK RIDEOUT** 

Subject: **HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK EXPANSION, PROJECT NO. 04717**

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that your Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize staff to solicit bids for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Coon Creek Bridge Project, with an engineer's estimate of probable construction cost of \$1,189,000.
2. Approve a resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to award and execute a contract to construct the work of this project in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,189,000, upon the review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Management; and, delegating authority to approve any necessary change orders consistent with the County Purchasing Manual and Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code.
3. Approve a budget revision increasing revenues in the amount of \$745,309 from the Open Space Trust Fund, \$118,500 from Sewer Maintenance District 1 (SMD 1), and \$60,000 from Sewer Maintenance District 3 (SMD 3); and increasing appropriations in the Capital Projects Account, Project No. 04717.

**BACKGROUND:** Hidden Falls Regional Park is an open space preserve and passive park located between Auburn and Lincoln, which will ultimately provide 1,200 acres of public passive recreation. In 2006, the easterly 221-acres of the park opened to the public, and design work for the remaining 979-acre expansion is complete. This expansion includes the development of a 20-mile trail network, bridges, a waterfall overlook, interpretive signage, riparian enhancement, and picnic facilities.

On April 12, 2011, your Board authorized Facility Services to solicit bids for two of the bridges planned to cross Coon Creek, by approving Plans and Specifications for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Coon Creek Bridge Project. These bridges will provide connections to the northern half of the park. The western bridge will accommodate heavy trucks and firefighting vehicles. As described in that memorandum, the County was continuing to work with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) to redirect grant funding for bridge construction, monitor the Natural Resources Agency grant funding suspension, and pursue final permit approvals from State and Federal agencies. Due to the timing of the resolution of these issues, staff determined that it was beneficial to cancel the solicitation before receiving bids.

Since that time, SNC chose to retain the original intent of their grant, the Resources Agency suspension was lifted, and many agency permits were secured. The sole outstanding approval is a Section 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers, which staff expects to be issued shortly. During this period, staff took the opportunity to review project planning and develop a steel-truss bid alternative, which may result in reducing the cost of the westerly bridge. This review also precipitated redesign of the approach road at the easterly bridge, and this component is now included in the bid package.

Additionally, the package now includes several large culverts that were originally planned for installation during the trail construction project. The inclusion of these two components increases the estimated bid cost by \$275,000 to a new engineer's estimate of \$1,189,000. A copy of the Bid Documents is available for review at the Department of Facility Services.

As described by the April 12, 2011 memorandum, a major portion of the funding for this project comes from the Natural Resource Agency River Parkway Grant Program and the State Parks Recreational Trails Grant Program. Recently, additional funding derived from water quality fines became available when the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) approved the Hidden Falls Regional Park Coon Creek Bridge Project as a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). This approval recognizes that the bridges will improve water quality by carrying foot, equestrian, and vehicular traffic over Coon Creek. As presented to your Board on December 13, 2011, the RWQCB subsequently issued Administrative Civil Liability Order #R5-2011-0593 (ACLO), which designates that \$178,500 of SMD 1 and SMD 3 fines be applied to the SEP. Appropriation of the remaining \$745,309 balance of the Open Space Fund allocation will complete the funding required for this project.

In order to proceed with the Hidden Falls Regional Park Coon Creek Bridge Project, staff is requesting your Board authorize staff to solicit bids and authorize the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to award the bid and execute the resulting construction contract. This delegation will facilitate a construction start shortly after April 15, which is the earliest date that the Flood Board will permit construction near the creek. Due to the complexity of this project, the construction time extends into early 2013, but an April commencement may permit the contractor to deliver the project for a fall 2012 park opening.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** Environmental review for the development of Hidden Falls Regional Park has been completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2007062084) was certified by the Planning Commission with the approval of Conditional Use Permit PCPA 20090391 on January 28, 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The total project cost for this 979-acre Hidden Falls expansion project is estimated at \$4.3 million, which includes \$1,189,000 for construction of the subject bridges, approach road and culverts. The allocation from the Open Space Trust Fund, along with fully funded grant contracts, ACLO monies, and existing funding from Park Dedication Fees in the Capital Project Fund, Project No. 4717, is estimated to be sufficient to complete the 979-acre Hidden Falls expansion project. A budget revision is required to appropriate the ACLO monies totaling \$178,500, from SMD 1 (\$118,500) and SMD 3 (\$60,000); and \$745,309 from the Open Space Fund. The remaining \$276,191 is currently budgeted within the Hidden Falls capital project 04717. This request has no impact on the County General Fund.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES: BID DOCUMENTS

ATTACHMENTS: RESOLUTION  
BUDGET REVISION

JD:MR:JR:AF:DB

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
PROCUREMENT SERVICES

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**Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION DELEGATING  
AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY  
SERVICES TO TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL  
PARK EXPANSION, PROJECT NO. 4717**

Resol. \_\_\_\_\_

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board authorizes the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to award and execute a construction contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,189,000 upon review and approval of County Counsel and Risk Management;, and delegates authority to approve any necessary change orders consistent with the County Purchasing Manual and Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code.

